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2015 SENATE BILL 289

October 6, 2015 – Introduced by Senators MOULTON and GUDEX, cosponsored by Representatives KLEEFISCH, ALLEN, CRAIG, EDMING, GANNON, HEATON, HORLACHER, JAGLER, JARCHOW, KNODL, KOOYENGA, KRUG, KULP, T. LARSON, MILROY, MURPHY, MURSAU, QUINN, ROHRKASTE, TAUCHEN and THIESFELDT. Referred to Committee on Sporting Heritage, Mining, and Forestry.

1 **AN ACT to repeal** 29.024 (6) (am), 29.182 (7), 29.184 (9), 29.301 (3), 29.561, 29.563
2 (14) (bn) and 29.563 (14) (c) 5.; and **to amend** 29.024 (6) (b), 29.024 (6) (d),
3 29.024 (7), 29.171 (3) (a), 29.171 (3) (b), 29.172 (3), 29.173 (3), 29.182 (4) (g),
4 29.184 (6g) (c), 29.211 (3), 29.216 (3) (title) and (a), 29.216 (3) (b), 29.217 (3),
5 29.231 (4) and 29.235 (4) of the statutes; **relating to:** back tag requirements.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, when the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) issues a person an archer hunting license, a deer hunting license, a bear hunting license, an elk hunting license, a sports license, or a conservation patron license, DNR also issues a back tag to be attached to the person's outermost garment when that person is hunting as authorized by the license. This bill eliminates the requirement that DNR issue a back tag with any of these licenses and the requirement that the licensee attach a back tag to any garment while hunting.

For further information see the **state** fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

6 **SECTION 1.** 29.024 (6) (am) of the statutes is repealed.

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SECTION 2. 29.024 (6) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

29.024 **(6)** (b) The clerk of each county appointed under par. (a) 2. ~~or (am) 2.~~ may accept the appointment.

SECTION 3. 29.024 (6) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

29.024 **(6)** (d) The department may promulgate rules regulating the activities of persons appointed under ~~pars. par.~~ (a) 2., 3., and 4. ~~and (am) 2. and 3.~~

SECTION 4. 29.024 (7) of the statutes is amended to read:

29.024 **(7)** **DUPLICATES.** If any license, permit, certificate, or card is lost, the person to whom the license, permit, certificate, or card was issued may apply to the department for a duplicate by submitting an affidavit proving loss. The department may accept information in a form other than an affidavit. The department shall make an inquiry and investigation as it considers necessary. If the department is satisfied that the loss has been proven, the department may issue a duplicate license, permit, certificate, or card to the applicant. ~~Back tags and other tags~~ Tags issued with a license, permit, certificate, or card are parts of the license, permit, certificate, or card and loss of any part is considered to be loss of the entire license, permit, certificate, or card. Upon applying for a duplicate license, permit, certificate, or card, the applicant shall surrender all parts of the original remaining in his or her possession to the department. No duplicate stamp may be issued and if a stamp is lost, the person to whom it was issued is required to apply for and pay the regular fee in order to receive a new stamp.

SECTION 5. 29.171 (3) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

29.171 **(3)** (a) Except as provided under par. (b), the department shall issue to each person who is issued a resident archer hunting license a deer tag ~~and a back tag.~~

SECTION 6. 29.171 (3) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1 29.171 (3) (b) The department may not issue a deer tag ~~or back tag~~ to a person
2 who is issued a resident archer hunting license at the reduced fee under s. 29.563
3 (2g).

4 **SECTION 7.** 29.172 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 29.172 (3) (a) Except as provided under par. (b), the department shall issue to
6 each person who is issued a resident crossbow hunting license a deer tag ~~and a back~~
7 tag.

8 (b) The department may not issue a deer tag ~~or back tag~~ to a person who is
9 issued a resident crossbow hunting license at the reduced fee under s. 29.563 (2g).

10 **SECTION 8.** 29.173 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

11 29.173 (3) ~~DEER TAG AND BACK TAG.~~ The department shall issue to each person
12 who is issued a resident deer hunting license a deer tag ~~and a back tag~~.

13 **SECTION 9.** 29.182 (4) (g) of the statutes is amended to read:

14 29.182 (4) (g) The organization known as the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation
15 shall transfer the license awarded under par. (f) only to a person who is qualified to
16 receive a resident elk hunting license and shall transfer to that person the carcass
17 tag ~~and back tag~~ that was issued by the department to the organization under ~~subs.~~
18 sub. (6) ~~and (7)~~.

19 **SECTION 10.** 29.182 (7) of the statutes is repealed.

20 **SECTION 11.** 29.184 (6g) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

21 29.184 (6g) (c) The organization known as the Wisconsin Bear Hunters'
22 Association, Inc., shall transfer the certificate awarded under par. (b) only to persons
23 who are qualified to receive a Class A bear hunting license. A person who receives
24 a certificate may present that certificate to the department and request a resident
25 or nonresident Class A bear hunting license. Upon receipt of the certificate and the

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1 appropriate required fees, the department shall issue the holder of the certificate a
2 resident or nonresident Class A bear hunting license and the carcass tag ~~and back~~
3 tag under ~~subs.~~ sub. (8) ~~and (9)~~.

4 **SECTION 12.** 29.184 (9) of the statutes is repealed.

5 **SECTION 13.** 29.211 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

6 29.211 (3) ~~DEER TAG AND BACK TAG.~~ The department shall issue to each person
7 who is issued a nonresident deer hunting license a deer tag ~~and a back tag~~.

8 **SECTION 14.** 29.216 (3) (title) and (a) of the statutes are amended to read:

9 29.216 (3) (title) ~~DEER TAG AND BACK TAG.~~ (a) Except as provided under par. (b),
10 the department shall issue to each person who is issued a nonresident archer
11 hunting license a deer tag ~~and a back tag~~.

12 **SECTION 15.** 29.216 (3) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

13 29.216 (3) (b) The department may not issue a deer tag ~~or back tag~~ to a person
14 who is issued a nonresident archer hunting license if the department issues the
15 nonresident archer hunting license at the reduced fee under s. 29.563 (2g).

16 **SECTION 16.** 29.217 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

17 29.217 (3) ~~DEER TAG AND BACK TAG.~~ (a) The department shall issue to each
18 person who is issued a nonresident crossbow hunting license a deer tag ~~and a back~~
19 tag.

20 (b) The department may not issue a deer tag ~~or back tag~~ to a person who is
21 issued a nonresident crossbow hunting license at the reduced fee under s. 29.563
22 (2g).

23 **SECTION 17.** 29.231 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

24 29.231 (4) The department shall issue to each person who is issued a sports
25 license a deer tag ~~and back tag~~.

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- 1 **SECTION 18.** 29.235 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:
- 2 29.235 (4) DEER TAG AND BACK TAG. The department shall issue to each person
- 3 who is issued a conservation patron license a deer tag and back tag.
- 4 **SECTION 19.** 29.301 (3) of the statutes is repealed.
- 5 **SECTION 20.** 29.561 of the statutes is repealed.
- 6 **SECTION 21.** 29.563 (14) (bn) of the statutes is repealed.
- 7 **SECTION 22.** 29.563 (14) (c) 5. of the statutes is repealed.
- 8 **(END)**